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Republican to work with the...what do they have over in Colorado? They don't have Natural Resource Districts there, do they?

SENATOR HABERMAN: No, they just...they have to...there is a moratorium on drilling wells in Colorado and it is really a political process that you've got to go through before you can drill any kind of a well over there.

SENATOR KAHLE: Is there anywhere else in the state, on the state borders that you know of that this is taking place?

SENATOR HABERMAN: At the present time, no. It is just along the Colorado border.

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay, I think this is a situation that is rather local and we do a lot of things for local people over a period of time. I don't believe this is going to start an incident with Colorado over water. Right now I guess I'd just as soon they kept a little more of it. We've got a little more than we need and I would like to have them pump some of it to Colorado but I guess that is a little too far. So I think Senator Haberman is trying to protect the water in Nebraska, and if Colorado has these strict laws, why don't those people work with their own state and evidently they have the same possibility of getting wells in Colorado as they do in Nebraska only that our laws are different so why should we allow them to come into our state or have somebody in our state own land across the border and be able to pump up the water out of the state. It just doesn't make any sense to me, so I support Senator Haberman on this issue.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Haberman, do you wish to close?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I feel real bad that Senator Schmit doesn't understand the issue. Really, he doesn't understand the issue. This bill does not disallow people from Colorado from coming over to Nebraska, buying some land, putting down a well and irrigating their ground. It doesn't do that. It just says if you are going to do that you are going to play